## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

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Prior Group Art Unit: 1755

Serial No.: Continuation Application of

U.S. Serial No. 09/260,540

Prior Examiner: M. DiVerdi

Filed: June 22, 2001

For: SOLID CATALYST COMPONENT AND CATALYST FOR OLEFIN POLYMERIZATION,

AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OLEFIN POLYMER

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title, but before the heading "Field of the Invention", please insert the following:

# --CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/260,540, filed March 2,

1999, the entire disclosure is incorporated herein by reference.--

# IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-29 without prejudice or disclaimer in favor of new claims 30-50 as follows:

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--30. A process for producing a solid catalyst component for olefin polymerization, which comprises the step of contacting a solid catalyst component precursor (C) containing a magnesium atom,